

AGENDA ITEM 4.2. – 10.12.19

Hollow Way Report 2.12.19

I had a meeting with Allison Bucknell, Tim Webb and Rod Gill. We walked along Hollow way from where it narrows at junction of Brook Lane to Hill View Lane.

It was suggested that a gravel path be installed from the junction of hollow way and Brook Lane where it would have a gentle slope up to land at present owned by the MOD. It would be between the outer fence and the newer security fence.

It would travel eastwards for approximately 110m until reaching an open field. The open field is owned by the MOD but let out to local farmer.

It then travels 200m eastward across the open field to near junction of Hill View lane.

See attached file.

The issues were

1. The land between the two fences is owned by the MOD. Who have in the past offered to let a path be built there but no mention was made of whether they would need to install a further security fence and who would pay for it.
2. The open field again is owned by the Mod. But as it is let out to farmer would probably need a stock fence installed to separate the path from the field. We would need to pay for this fence.
3. The construction method of the path. The land seemed fairly well drained and the opinion was that a gravel sub base compacted and covered with cotwold stone to dust would be good.
4. Allison suggested that we would need lighting along the path. I feel the cost of this could be high and not sure that it is needed.

Tim Webb said that he knew a quantity surveyor in Calne and he would send him the path size and distance and get a quote.

In the past the MOD has said that if you come with a plan of the path they would consider their position.

Maybe Chris Moncreiffe has some expertise in this area.

Rod Gill and the owner of Lillybrook Bungalow park have offered assistance with the ground works.

We need to get an estimate of the materials

1. required for the path.
2. For the installation of possibly a gate at either end
3. The cost of the stock fence including installation. (though Rod Gill may have options with the installation.)
4. The cost of MOD security fence if required.

Once we have an estimate of the cost we could then approach the MOD.

We may be able to get a grant from various places, Solar fund etc.

There is also the question of planning. I presume that we would need a planning application. Also if the land becomes a path is there a need for a solicitor to draw up a amendment to the land documents. And if so what cost would be involved.

There is also the question of whether the residence of Bradenstoke want a path? Should there be a village survey first.

These questions need to be discussed at a Parish council meeting.

Hope this gives some insight it to the situation